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Equipping Christian leaders



Dr. Justin Cooper
President

The principal focus of Redeemer College is to teach and prepare students for whatever future vocation and walk of life the Lord calls them to. Our mission includes Christian scholarship and service to the community, which are also important areas. But our main focus is providing a Christian university education which, according to our mission statement, has as a central goal "to equip students for lives of leadership and service under the Lordship of Jesus Christ." This emphasis on leadership and service has also been captured in the phrase, "Learning is for Serving."

Needless to say, this is a very large task, because we are attempting to equip students with much more than a set of skills. The Christian university education we offer certainly includes the acquisition of skills--critical thinking, written and spoken communication, reading comprehension, computer literacy, just to mention a few. We also seek to impart some general knowledge of God's creation through our liberal arts and sciences core curriculum and specialized knowledge of a particular field or discipline in students' major and minor concentrations.

Leadership ability is also honed beyond the classroom in co-curricular involvement in fine arts activities, athletics, residence life, student activities, volunteer service groups and other facets of campus life. We refer to a Redeemer education as a holistic one, which helps students to grow not only intellectually but also spiritually, socially and emotionally. But most important to a Re-

deemer education is a vision of life and the world with Jesus Christ at its centre. Only in the biblical perspective of the Lordship of Jesus Christ do all of these other things come into their proper focus. And all of this comes to life as it is sustained by a vital faith in Christ and a dedication to seek his wisdom, righteousness and glory in all things.

Such an education has many different applications--our graduates have gone into various walks of life in a number of parts of the world. Some continue with graduate study, others find their main focus in family, community and church life. Many seek employment directly after they graduate, again in a wide variety of fields. And the track record of our graduates in finding employment is extremely good. Frankly, we're really not surprised at that. A Christian liberal arts education doesn't have as its sole or even main focus to "get you a job." But we sincerely believe that such an education is an excellent preparation for employment, and this has been borne out by the reports of our alumni.

We are very proud of our alumni and the contributions they are making in various occupations and professional fields. And so we wanted to give some of them an opportunity to share what they are doing. In this issue we take a look at several of our alumni who have pursued employment in the field of social services. Their stories provide an excellent example of people who have taken their Christian university education and directed it to fruitful service in

the context of Christian social service agencies.

We trust that they can look back on their Redeemer education not only recalling fond memories but also seeing specific ways in which their vision, knowledge and abilities have been shaped and developed in positive and godly ways to equip them to be effective Christian servant leaders. This is the goal which we, by God's grace, seek to achieve in fulfilling our mission as a Christian university college.

It is truly a privilege to be able to make a contribution to the education and preparation of Christian leaders who can serve as salt and light in the positions and communities and churches in which they find their place. May the Lord keep us faithful to our mission to provide a scripturally-directed and Christ-centred education for students. And as they leave the college and take up various positions, we praise God for their example, which is a source of encouragement to us and to many current and prospective students who are seeking to discover how to develop their gifts and abilities for service in God's kingdom.

It is our prayer that the Lord will give our alumni the strength and wisdom they require to build on the Christian university education they have received and to meet the challenges of their studies, jobs and other responsibilities. May their efforts further a faithful witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the warp and woof of life and bring praise and glory to His Name.

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College**

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Jane Hogeterp Koopman
'99 is the first Redeemer
graduate to have a bachelor
of arts degree conferred at
a commencement cer-
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degree with a combined
honours in English and his-
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In the social services field

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Redeemer College students and graduates are making a difference in
Hamilton.

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Redeemer College confers
its first bachelor of arts and
bachelor of science degrees
at its 14th commencement
ceremony.



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Redeemer College hosts a
special ceremony where
alumni return to exchange
their bachelor of Christian
studies degree for a BA or
BSc.

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When the students are away...



Tim Wolfert '87
Editor

Walking out of church a few weeks ago, someone asked what I was going to be doing for the summer now that the students were all finished for the year. The assumption was that, without students, Redeemer College, much like a grade school or high school, closes down for the summer and therefore the staff has four months off to play.

As Dr. Cooper points out in his column, Redeemer's primary mission is to provide a quality, Christ-centred education for our students, something that occurs primarily from September to April. But Redeemer College is very busy throughout the summer months as well. Beyond the planning and preparation needed to welcome almost 600 students this September, consider some of the events that will take place on our campus over the next few months:

The Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in North America will be convening at Redeemer this June for a week. That means over 180 delegates (plus their spouses, visitors, observers and the media, etc.), will need to be housed, fed, and cared for.

Just prior to that, the college will have hosted two weeks of Milk and Honey, welcoming a total of 150 or so Christian "empty-nesters" for a time of learning, fellowship and off-campus

excursions.

July marks the start of the college's Summer Session, when more than 100 teachers and others will participate in a variety of courses and workshops.

Summer Rays, a series of sports camps run by the Athletic Department, will host more than 250 kids aged 6-12 through July and August.

There are weeks when the Ancillary Services Department has rented out every bed in the residences, and every room in the Academic Building. All in all, Redeemer College will welcome more than 4,000 people to the campus this summer for conferences, retreats, ceremonies and other programs. Although it is not directly related to providing a Christian, university-level education, this too is a part of Redeemer's mission.

Redeemer College serves the Christian community through its resources and facilities, through the contributions that its faculty and staff make in churches and communities as guest lecturers, presenters, etc., and of course through its graduates who are sent out to serve the Lord in whatever community they are called. As a college community, we are grateful for that opportunity to serve, to begin to give back to a community that has so graciously supported us. Even if it means having to work throughout the summer.

COMING redeemer EVENTS

Hermeneutics Conference

Scholars from around the world will come to Redeemer College for this three-day conference.

July 7-10

Redeemer College

Opening Convocation

Redeemer College invites the public to attend the opening ceremony of the 1999-2000 academic year with the biggest enrolment in the school's history.

Sept. 7 - 10 a.m.

Redeemer College Auditorium

Classes begin

Sept. 7

Homecoming '99

Redeemer College invites all alumni to return to campus for its annual Homecoming weekend, honouring the Class of 1989 this year.

Sept. 18

Redeemer College

Senior's Day

Grandparents and seniors are invited to campus for a day with Redeemer students. The event also includes a guest speaker, musical entertainment and a tasty lunch.

Oct. 25 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Redeemer College

Faculty Inaugural

Dr. Henry Brouwer and Dr. Gary Chiang will both give their inauguration addresses after their promotion to full professor. Join the Redeemer community for this festive occasion.

Nov. 5

Redeemer College Auditorium

Cultural Events

The fall semester will again include an art exhibition, main stage theatre production and choral concert. Tickets for the theatre and music performances will go on sale Oct. 1. The art exhibition is free of charge.

Board Meetings

Board of Governors (Executive Committee) meets:

July 9 and Aug. 27

Alumni Annual Meeting:

Sept. 18

Annual Membership Meeting:

Oct. 14 - 8 p.m.

Redeemer College Senate meets:

Oct. 20

Extra enthusiasm at Grad '99

Major honours awarded to two mathematics students

By David Raakman

While graduation ceremonies at Redeemer have traditionally been joyous events over the past 13 years, this 14th commencement held May 29 was especially exciting.

This extra enthusiasm was due in large part to the school's first-ever conferring of bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees upon its graduates.

Almost a year had gone by since the provincial government approved a change to Redeemer College's charter last June to enable these new degrees to be awarded. The first bachelor of arts degree was conferred to Jane Hogeterp Koopman, a combined honours degree in English and history, and was followed by a rousing applause.

That set the tone for the afternoon with applause following each degree conferred along with the occasional verbal outburst from



PHOTO BY DAVID RAAKMAN

members of the capacity crowd in attendance.

The first bachelor of science degree was conferred upon Scott Antonides.

Mark Coolen was the only one of the 79 gradu-

ates to choose to receive the bachelor of Christian studies degree. This option will be available for any graduates who began their studies at Redeemer prior to the 1998-99 academic year.

Following the conferring of degrees, the two major awards were presented. The Governor General's Silver Medal was presented to mathematics and education student Judith Lapsley for achieving the highest academic standing in the class. Brenda Heyink, another mathematics student, was given the Faculty Award for scholastic achievement and extra-curricular involvement at Redeemer.

The ceremony also included the graduation address from Dr. Calvin Seerveld, professor emeritus from the Institute for Christian Studies, the graduand address from class speaker Michael Glockner, and a beautiful piano solo composed and performed by Kristina Ballantyne.



PHOTO BY DAVID RAAKMAN

FIRST BSc: Scott Antonides was the first grad to have a bachelor of science degree conferred from Redeemer College. Of the 79 grads this year, seven received the BSc degree.

Dr. Cooper receives presidential reappointment

Dr. Justin Cooper has been appointed to a second five-year term as president of Redeemer College effective July 1, 1999.

Cooper is the school's second president, having taken over from Rev. Henry DeBolster in 1994. Involved with Redeemer from its infancy, Cooper was among the group which founded the college association in 1976. He was one of the original faculty members when the college opened its doors in 1982 and he became academic vice-president in 1986.

"We are grateful for President Cooper's dedicated work for Redeemer and the Christian community, and we pray that God will richly bless him with wisdom, courage and strength as he continues his challenging work in this area of God's kingdom," states Cheri Buitter, chair of the Board of Governors.

Cooper received his bachelor of arts degree from Trinity Christian College and his master's and doctorate in political science from the University of Toronto.

"I am privileged to have this opportunity to serve during this stage of Redeemer College's development as we build on the breakthrough the Lord has given," Cooper said.

Redeemer prepares for CRC Synod

Temporary changes to auditorium top list of preparations

By David Raakman

There's no doubt--hosting Synod '99 of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is a big deal for Redeemer College.

The CRCNA Synod is an annual denominational meeting where topics and issues are discussed and debated in hopes of achieving more effective ministry to its local churches and around the world.

This year marks the first time in its 140-year history that the week-long meeting takes place in Canada: June 12-19 at Redeemer College.

Because of this, Redeemer's conference staff is rolling out the red carpet, so to speak, for Synod's 188 delegates and approximately 50 agency and support staff.

In this case, the "red carpet" is complete support from the conference service staff, including preparing for registration, transportation to and from the airport, technical support and a 36' x 50' platform extension

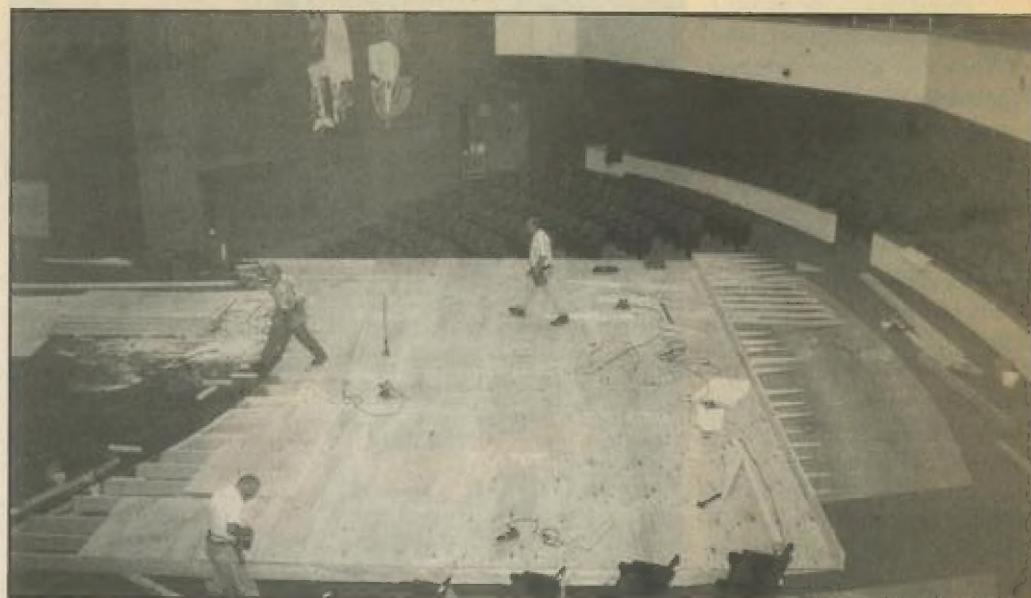


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STAGE EXTENSION: A team of carpenters builds the extended platform in the auditorium in advance of the arrival of delegates for the CRCNA Synod '99.

to the stage in the auditorium which will enable delegates to sit at tables instead of in theatre style seats. Redeemer's conference staff has even set up a day trip to Niagara Falls for spouses of the delegates.

In addition, there have been some much-needed improve-

ments made to the campus this year including an improved entrance way at the north end of the college (with some additional paving in the parking lot), and some extra attention to the grounds-keeping.

"It's like when the Queen comes to visit, the city spruces up," said Leni Janssens, assistant director of Ancillary Serv-

ices.

Corporate donations helped cover some of the cost for these improvements. For the temporary renovations, Turkstra Lumber donated all the wood for the stage extension. In addition, Maple Reinders funded a gift for each Synod guest: a carrying case displaying the CRC and Redeemer College logos.

New phone system at Redeemer

A new phone system was installed throughout the Redeemer College campus this past May.

While there were some glitches in making the transfer, including a lack of phone lines due to the recent strike by Bell Canada workers, the system is now fully operational.

The most notable difference in the new system is that all extensions on campus are now four digits instead of three. The new office exten-

sions end with the same three digits but are preceeded by a '4.' Dorm extensions begin with '3' and end with '1,' with the two-digit dorm number in between.

The incoming phone numbers remain the same: 1-800-263-6467 for information regarding admission or donations or (905) 648-2131 for all other calls during office hours. To reach voice-mail boxes or on-campus housing after hours, dial (905) 648-2139.



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FACE LIFT: Interlocking brick and a wrought iron fence enhance the look of the north entrance to Redeemer's academic building.

Advancement matters: managing new growth

By Greg Hatton

Everything matters when it comes to advancement of the college mission to serve the community!

Managing growth was a key theme of the recent *Spring Appeal* which has attracted strong support including renewed support from lapsed donors as well as gifts from new donors.

Special thanks to our suppliers who are supporting Redeemer College at new levels. "It has been a rewarding experience to meet with a number of the college suppliers of products and services to share the excitement of concrete growth and opportunity," says Lisa Gonnering, member of the advancement staff team. "When we talk about the opportunity at Redeemer to bring your faith perspective into



your university studies, it is viewed by a number of these donors as a welcome return to the traditional values of our Canadian culture."

Friends of Redeemer in Ottawa is planning to host a community dessert and coffee event

in September. Prof. Ray Louter is scheduled to bring an entertaining presentation on the influence of theatrical arts in society. A recently produced *Welcome to Redeemer* video will be shown to introduce the *Building on the Promise* campaign being launched to fulfill the college's vision to serve communities across Ontario and beyond. A community event to introduce *Building on the*

Promise is also being planned for October in Chatham.

Watch for:

- upcoming news on *Building on the Promise* developments. Managing new growth requires that the financial development needs be carefully reviewed. It

is anticipated that bricks and mortar will be needed to construct new residences on campus before September 2000.

- *Building on the Promise* developments in your community. We are contacting all board members and community reps to formulate outreach plans to provide an opportunity for everyone to share in the Redeemer College *Building on the Promise* vision in thankfulness to God's faithfulness.

- the Redeemer College TV ad being run free of charge for a trial period on *Primary Focus* being aired by the Back to God Hour on CTS and Vision TV.

- *Redeemer College Month* to be announced for October in participation with *Christian College Month* as proclaimed across North America by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

Two weeks of Milk & Honey Festival this year

At the end of May and early in June, the 1999 Milk and Honey Summer Festival at Redeemer College welcomed approximately 150 guests to campus for a week-long "vacation with a difference." From the first festival 11 years ago, the Milk & Honey Festival has grown in popularity, making it necessary to expand to two weeks this year.

The Milk & Honey Festival combines both intellectual stimulation and cultural experiences in a week-long vacation package. This year's guests enjoyed lectures and readings by Redeemer College professor Hugh Cook and Dordt College professor James Schaap. Together they addressed the claim that Calvinism is incapable of producing Christian writers because it presents a stern God and people whose lives are predestined. Both accomplished authors, Hugh and Jim challenged this assumption, to the delight of our guests.

Along with the lectures, guests enjoyed a number of day trips which included visits to Hamilton's Royal Botanical Gardens, the St. Jacob's Farmers' Market and Niagara Falls.



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TIME FOR A BREATHER: (From left) Theresa Bakker and John and Nellie Hilderling enjoy rest and refreshment during an afternoon Milk & Honey excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton.

Redeemer student involved in refugee placement

By David Raakman

When you pray for a summer job, you can never be sure just how the Lord will provide.

Such was the case for music and psychology student Sonia Reid who will be completing her final year at Redeemer in the fall. About the middle of May, Sonia spoke with John Krueger, career and placement coordinator at Redeemer, about any full-time summer employment opportunities that might be available. Within two weeks, she was facilitating the placement of Kosovar refugees in Hamilton and Niagara as one of 34 regional coordinators across Canada.

The opportunity came about through the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee in Burlington, an agency which seeks to offer relief and support in crisis situations all over the world.

The most challenging aspect in the first few weeks of the job was getting set up, Sonia says. While some technical aspects such as computer and phone lines were being looked into, a major hurdle was over-



Sonia Reid is one of Canada's 34 regional coordinators assisting in the placement of refugees from Kosovo.

come when Sonia was able to find office space to rent at Redeemer College. The next challenge was getting the word out.

"I need to hold information sessions for the public," Sonia said. "And I need to find sponsors for Kosovar families and match up profiles of families and potential sponsors." Placement of Kosovar refugees will last at

least two years and are fully funded by the government. A sponsor simply needs to help the family integrate into the Canadian culture. "We need to place 60 families in the Hamilton area and right now we have one intent to sponsor so a lot of work in the way of awareness needs to be done," she said.

Sonia has already presented an information session to the public at Hamilton's city hall and been interviewed by On TV and CBC Newsworld.

She credits her many Redeemer experiences for giving her the confidence she needs as she takes up this multi-faceted job.

"The time I've spent preparing for and making presentations in class and also my involvement in different school functions are sure to help me in doing these information sessions," she said.

Sonia looks forward to the challenging three months that lie ahead, realizing that she is making a definite impact in the lives of many people who are in desperate need.

"Just knowing that I play an integral part in the settlement of these refugees is very exciting," she said.

Student photographer published

By Jess Lacasse

A fresh career move in 1993 led a Redeemer College student to have his photographic work being published.

Ben Jansen, who will be entering his second year as a history major in September, has photographs in a new book about Lucy Maude Montgomery. The photos are pictures of locations where the family program *Road to Avonlea* is filmed.

"I was interested in *Road to Avonlea* for a long time. I'm really into family programming," 25-year-old Jansen said.

The show is taped north of Toronto, so Jansen did some scouting around and found the location. "I was interested in the photography of the actual series. It is beautiful," he said.

He sent his photographs in and was notified just before his first year at Redeemer that they had been accepted.

Jansen has been making photographs professionally since 1993. At the age of 19 he was accepted into an apprentice program at Preston Haskell's Millpond Studio of Photography in St. Catharines. He studied there for two years, under the title of protégé.

However, Jansen does not plan to pursue a career in photography. He is studying at Redeemer to be a teacher.



Jansen

Alumni Framing Service

The Redeemer Alumni Association sells custom-sized frames for diploma, composite picture and 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 pictures. Each frame has either a walnut-stained wood, or polished gold finish, a glass face plate, and comes with a deep red mat emblazoned in gold tinted foil with the official crest of Redeemer College. Proceeds from the sales support alumni activities. You can frame your own diploma, composite or other photo without any special tools (instructions provided). See the back cover for a full-colour picture of the frames.

The price for the frames is as follows (includes shipping and applicable taxes):

	Metal Frame	Wood Frame
Diploma Frame	\$52	\$69
Frame for Composite	\$58	\$80
Frame for 8 x 10 Photo	\$35	\$46
Frame for 5 x 7 Photo	\$23	\$35

These frames fit the BCS, BCEd, BA and BSc certificates. Frames can be ordered by calling (905) 648-2131 x4292, or by visiting the Alumni Office at Redeemer College.

Helping, Healing & Hope

— Redeemer students
and graduates make a
difference in Hamilton

by Jim Wolfert '87

Like any large North American city, Hamilton, Ontario has its share of those who are struggling. Homelessness, addiction, domestic abuse, mental illness—all these are prevalent for those who care to look.

Society's response to those in need often ranges from indifference or a resigned shrug to a judgmental "pull up your own bootstrap" hostility. Even for those who want to make a difference, there is often a sense of helplessness over what can be done, and disagreements on how to help.

Fortunately, there are many individuals and organizations which work to meet the needs of these "forgotten" people. Two such organizations—Mission Services of Hamilton and Christian Horizons—are very active in Hamilton. Although they serve different people with different needs, they have a number of similarities as well. They are both distinctly Christian organizations striving to share Christ's love with those in need, and they both have a strong connection to Redeemer College.

Over the last number of years, Redeemer students and graduates have volun-

teered, had Co-operative Education Placements, served Internships, and worked at Christian Horizons and Mission Services. The relationship has been mutually beneficial. Redeemer students and alumni have received valuable experiences and challenging employment, while Christian Horizons and Mission Services benefit from the talents of a skilled and dedicated group of volunteers and employees. It is in many ways a testimony of how Redeemer fulfills its mission to prepare students for a life of service to Jesus Christ, and how the college is having a positive effect on its community.

Christian Horizons (CH) offers primarily long-term residential support to individuals with developmental disabilities. Throughout Ontario, approximately 400 people are supported in more than 130 homes. The needs of these individuals range from those who are able to live alone in

apartments to those who require 24-hour care, and some are in wheelchairs. CH staff support these people in becoming as independent as possible by assisting with anything from discovering new leisure activities to providing job coaches. There are eight homes in the Hamilton area, each supporting four to six people. There are also semi-independent apartments and host family services. Staffing in these programs depends on the

It's the positive changes in people's lives that makes a very challenging job rewarding

needs of the persons living in them and can range from a few hours per week to 24-hour care with a staff ratio of one to two.

Arlene Heidbuurt (Psychology, '88) has been at Christian Horizons for

more than 11 years. Starting as a front-line support worker, Heidbuurt is now a Program Manager, supervising two of the Hamilton houses. Through that time, she has seen first-hand how the care of the developmentally challenged has evolved. "There has been a shift from large institutions to community based homes like Christian Horizons," says Heidbuurt. "A number of people who we are now supporting have spent most of their lives in large buildings, similar to hospitals. Now they live in average houses in the suburbs." Integrating people back into the communities they came from has been beneficial for them, but it has not been without difficulties. Although most of the CH homes in Hamilton have, according to Heidbuurt, "great neighbours," there is still some tension as local neighbourhoods learn to conquer fear and myths and learn to live with those who are "different."

Heidbuurt tells the story of one person who came to Christian Horizons from the Oxford Regional Centre three years ago. "'Cathy' had been in ORC since she was four years old. She came to us when she was in her late 40's. She is blind,

she has other medical problems and she is not able to speak or use any formal type of communication. To make her needs known she would scream but we had to guess at the problem. Cathy had learned to get attention by engaging in self-destructive behavior. At Christian Horizons, Cathy has been able to get more of the attention she craves and has had a new world of opportunities presented to her. She has made some miraculous changes." But things are still not all that they can be. Cathy's blindness may be correctable through surgery, but the Christian Horizons staff have not yet found a specialist willing to work with Cathy's disruptive behavior.

It's those positive changes in people's lives that makes a very challenging job rewarding to the staff at Christian Horizons. But Heidbuurt cautions that setting high expectations can lead to frustration. "It is important to get to know the individual, as opposed to charging in and expecting to make everything better right away."

For Joel Vriend (History/Psychology, '97), the reward comes not from the result, but from the process. "CH takes a person-centred approach in dealing with the residents," he says. "We are building relationships with those whom we serve—that is why the job is so fulfilling." Vriend became involved in CH after working with the



Arlene Heidbuurt '88 is program manager for two Christian Horizons homes.

Friendship Program (a church ministry dealing with developmentally handicapped people) and volunteering at Camp Horizons, a summer camp program run by Christian Horizons. That was "a life-changing experience for me," he says. "I saw the campers not as 'clients', but as those who are made in God's image."

Developing relationships, not just trying to "solve problems," is also a key aspect of the work of Mission Services of Hamilton. Located in an old school building in north Hamilton, Mission Services has become a fixture in the neighbourhood, something that Rev. Kelvin Honsinger, Executive Director of Mission Services, says is intentional. "This is the neighbourhood that we serve. People know who we are and what we do, and we get to know them as individuals."

Mission Services in Hamilton has been providing a wide range of services to the greater Hamilton area since 1956. Mission Services operates Inasmuch House (emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of violence), Men's Residence and Suntrac Recovery Program (hostel for homeless men and addictions recovery counselling), the Marty Karl Centre for Personal Development (job



Paul, a volunteer at Mission Services, and Danielle Huinink '99 work in emergency food services. Danielle is one of many Redeemer students and grads who work in the social service sector.

skills and life skills training), and a number of Community Programs such as emergency food services, financial trusteeship, a Healthy Moms-Healthy Babies Club, and True North Children's programs.

But, according to Danielle Huinink (Business, '99), the program offerings are flexible, and adapt to the changing needs of the community. Huinink is the Coordinator of Food Access Programs at Mission Services, but her job title does not begin to describe the work that she does. When not coordinating the Emergency Food Services Program, she can be found partnering with other agencies in the community to help new moms raise healthy babies, or to teach school age kids about nutrition, or serving at the Thursday night Diner's Club for people from the neighbourhood who want to enjoy a time of fellowship and fun.

"Our role here at Mission Services is community development," says Huinink. "We strive to work with people in the community to make this place where people live and work a true home. We do not want to find a way to get people out of the community; this is their home." To build that kind of community, according to

"We strive to work with people in the community to make this a place where people live and work a true home."
--Huinink

Huinink, you need to build trust with those who live and work there, and that takes care and commitment. "To be effective, you can't just come in, and do your job, you have to be willing to be a part of their lives and to treat people with dignity."

Building dignity and respect, for self and for others, is part of Hank DeJong's job at Mission Services as well. DeJong (Sociology and Psychology, '99) recently sold a landscaping business to begin work at the Marty Karl Centre teaching people hands-on janitorial skills alongside personal development courses. "Our trainees face a lot of adversity—often they lack the academic skills that allow them to succeed at school, and as a result, they've been told that they're too stupid to get a job. As a result, their self-esteem is rock-bottom. They may also be struggling with addictions, domestic abuse, or mental illness," DeJong said.

Through their training at the centre, trainees pick up skills needed for a job, and they become aware of their own strengths. Not only are they given the chance to practice those skills at a number of institutional buildings that have contracts with Mission Services, the trainees also develop positive relationships with the MS staff. DeJong points out that "some of these people have never had a positive relationship with anyone. Here, they at least connect with some-

one who cares about them."

For many people at both Christian Horizons and Mission Services, work is a natural extension of their faith, and how they respond to Christ's call to serve one another. "The friendships I develop with the students is part of my Christian walk," says DeJong. But he cautions against pushing religion too much. Although MS has regular chapel services, in which the students are encouraged to participate, attendance is not mandatory. "We are there to serve and to be examples," he says, "but we are not the ones that effect the change—God will take care of that in His time."

"We are there to serve...not to effect the change—God will take care of that in His time."
--DeJong

Arlene Heidbuurt at Christian Horizons agrees. "We are always showing Christ's love, even if the people we serve don't understand. It is Christ's love in action."

It is that type of commitment that makes Redeemer graduates such a great fit at Mission Services, according to Executive Director Kelvin Honsinger. "They put their faith into practice, with a heart for compassion and a hunger for justice."

Sue Hamilton, a Program Manager at Christian Horizons who has hired a number of Redeemer students and graduates, agrees that they have their heart in the right place—and that is what counts. "We can teach the skills and tasks necessary to do the day-to-day work at Christian Horizons," she says. "But the key for us is what Redeemer students bring with them to the job: a Christ-centred philosophy and a deep, deep love for Jesus and for the people we support. There is a common goal that allows us to pursue our mission."

Hank DeJong believes that the desire to help is "ingrained in all disciplines at Redeemer College, not just the social sciences." The motto 'Learning is for Serving' rings true for DeJong, who is grate-



Hank DeJong '99 works at the Marty Karl Centre of Mission Services, Hamilton.

ful for the chance to do work "that Christ Himself would probably do if He came back today; He spent a lot of time with those in need."

Although love and commitment are important, Redeemer students are given more than a good heart as they prepare for work in the social sciences. Sue Hamilton says that "Redeemer psychology graduates possess a theoretical knowledge that is invaluable to our institution's and our client's needs."

Joel Vriend appreciated his course work because it gave him a framework to understand the concepts, yet provided him with a glimpse of what to expect when he got to the workplace, and some strategies that he might be able to use.

As the move to smaller, community-based care expands, so too does the expectations on staff. "Front line staff are now required to do much more of the administrative duties of each house," notes Heidbuurt. "The flexibility of Redeemer grads, their ability to transfer skills and pick up new ones make them very valuable in a dynamic workplace."

According to Dr. Robert MacLarkey, associate professor of sociology at Redeemer College, these skills are a result of the liberal arts and science setting of Redeemer's sociology and psychology programs.

"Students are required to take more than just Social Work or Sociology courses," says MacLarkey. "They are exposed to different ideas and skill sets and that gives them more to offer potential employers."

Redeemer students are also given hands-on experience in a wide variety of social service organizations through co-op and internship placements. Besides the standard program curriculum, Independent Studies allow students to focus on one particular area of social work/sociology that interests them.

Redeemer's unique townhouse living arrangements also served as a helpful preparation for many alumni who work in the social services field. Both DeJong and Vriend counted their experiences as being a Resident Assistant (RA) as being invaluable in their work.

"Living in a house with eight people teaches teamwork and co-operative living," says Vriend. "It also taught me a lot about how to confront people and about conflict resolution."

The experience also underscored the joy and power of holding each other up in prayer, something that continues in the Christian Horizons houses. "Even in some homes where we don't know if the people we support understand what we are doing," notes

Heidbuurt, "the staff certainly benefit from doing devotions at the dinner table."

Many alumni who are involved with Mission Services and Christian Horizons began by volunteering there as students, or were introduced to the organizations through co-curricular activities. For Danielle Huinink, her involvement with Kid's Club, a Redeemer College supported ministry to underprivileged kids in downtown Hamilton, piqued her interest in Mission Services.

She opted for a co-op placement at MS during her first session, doing some marketing work, coordinating volunteer activities and editing Mission Service's newsletter. By the time for her second placement, she was all set to return to MS. Soon after her second placement, she was hired full-time, continuing the work that she was doing as a co-op student.

She feels incredibly blessed to work at Mission Services. "Everyday is different, with new challenges and opportunities. And I work with a great bunch of people. But the most rewarding part of my job is still the people whom I get to hang out with. They give so much back; it's more rewarding than my paycheck!"

As Redeemer College grows, the ties between the college and these and other agencies are sure to develop and strengthen. It is just one of the ways that Redeemer makes an impact in its community. Although each organization has a slightly different focus, they are able to work together because they are all serving the Lord, each in its own way, one image-bearer at a time, where they are found.

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--Hamilton**

Tim Wolfert is Alumni Affairs Coordinator and Assistant Director of Admissions for Redeemer College. He graduated from Redeemer in 1987 with a bachelor of Christian studies degree in history.



PHOTO BY TIM WOLPERT '87

REPLACING THE OLD WITH THE NEW: Redeemer alumni from each graduating year gather together for a group photo after the conferring of their new BA and BSc degrees.

College celebrates degree exchange with alumni

By Tim Wolpert '87

More than 150 alumni, faculty and friends came to Redeemer College on Saturday, June 5 to celebrate the accomplishments of Redeemer's alumni and God's faithfulness. Since January, a number of alumni have taken advantage of the opportunity to replace their bachelor of Christian studies degree with a bachelor of arts or science degree as authorized by Redeemer's Senate. However, the Alumni Association and the President's Office wanted to have a public event recognizing the work of alumni in getting the college's charter amended, and to give alumni a chance to come on campus to exchange their degree in a public ceremony.

A number of speeches followed a time of fellowship and barbecue in the front quad. Dr. Cooper recounted some of the history that went into getting the college's charter changed, and the issues that the Senate dealt with in making the decision to allow alumni to exchange their degree. Dr. Harry Van Dyke spoke of how this was the most normal of things to happen—it was just the rest of the province that was behind the times in extending this honour to Redeemer graduates. And Lloyd Rang '89 challenged alumni to continue to use their "new" degree in service to God and the community.

The ceremony was not a second convocation of degrees, but rather an opportunity for alumni to receive their new degree in person. Forty-five alumni received their new degrees, coming forward to accept their bachelor of arts or bachelor of science from the president who originally conferred their BCS. There was at least one graduate from each of the 13 years that Redeemer has conferred the bachelor of Christian studies.

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Jason Zuidema receives Alumni Leadership Award

Sometimes service is a quiet, almost hidden activity. However, for Jason Zuidema, a religion and theology major from Wallaceburg, ON, service to the Redeemer community has involved taking a very public role. And for his many efforts—public and quiet—at serving the Redeemer community, Jason is the 1999 recipient of the Alumni Leadership Award.



Jason has been active in many different aspects of the Redeemer community. Besides serving on the Chapel Committee, he has helped organize Bible studies for Men's Mission in downtown Hamilton and participated in Wellington Home Chapel services. He has been involved with the Concert Choir for three years, has written frequently for the campus paper, *Crown*, and has served for two years on Student Senate, including a term as president in 97-98.

Jason believes that he has been given the gift of leadership by God, and he has accepted the opportunities to develop that gift. He also understands the importance of being a leader. "I am not afraid to be in a position of leadership and I take these positions seriously when I am in them," he says.

The leadership experiences that Jason has demonstrated have not only benefitted Redeemer College, but himself as well. "They have taught me many valuable things which I can use in future ministry for the Lord. I have learned group dynamics, public speaking, communications and problem-solving skills and a love for people."

Jason has been heavily involved with the Seafarer's Centre in Montreal and he plans on pursuing a career in cross-cultural ministry. He has volunteered there numerous times, and has worked as an assistant chaplain at the centre last summer. "[My experiences there have] given me a love for people of other cultures and a heart for the people of Quebec," he says.

The Alumni Association sponsors this award not only to reward students who have provided leadership, but also to encourage their involvement with the Alumni Association after graduation. The \$500 award, funded by alumni donations, is awarded to a student entering his or her last year at Redeemer. The Alumni Board received eight very deserving applications, and Doreen VanderHeide and Gerald Bierling—the two Alumni Board members who ranked the applications—found it to be both a very difficult, but rewarding task.

The Alumni Association thanks Jason for his contributions to the college community and wishes him the Lord's blessings in his final year of studies here, and for his plans beyond Redeemer.

Alumni Board voting

The Redeemer College Alumni Board of Directors is an elected, volunteer group that directs the work of the Alumni Association. The College and its alumni are blessed to be served by the talent and dedication of those who are on the Board.

This year marks the end of service for a number of board members. We are grateful for the work that Gerald Bierling '86, has done for the association and the college during the course of his three-year term, and to Gary Miedema '93 for the six years he has served. Unfortunately, David Van Belle '93 has also resigned from the board in order to continue graduate studies in Calgary.

Elections to replace these positions will take place at the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 18. If you are unable to attend this year's membership meeting, but would still like to vote for board positions, you may send in a proxy ballot. The ballot must be signed and returned to the Alumni Office not later than Sept. 17, 1999. If you and your spouse (if you are both alumni) would both like to vote, please photocopy the ballot. *An alumnus of Redeemer College is someone who has successfully completed at least eight courses.*

NOMINEES:

The following people have been

nominated to serve three-year terms on the Alumni Board. The Alumni Board is pleased to present for election these very talented candidates.

Mike Glockner (Business, '99): A former Student Senate Vice-President, who has been the Senate representative to the Alumni Board, Mike is doing sales work for a wholesale florist in Flamborough.

Marcia (Batterink) Hosmar (Sociology '96): Marcia is currently enjoying her time at home with her daughter. She and her husband Jim live in Drayton.

Jack Klooster (History '97): Jack is preparing to lead 20 Presbyterian youth in ministry and service opportunities across Ontario for the summer. He hopes to continue his involvement in youth ministry in the fall.

Rick Schenk (Religion and History: BCED '93): Rick is teaching at Rehoboth Christian School in Copetown. He has been active in the annual Royal Cup Boxing Day hockey tournament.

Heather Van Starkenburgh (Psychology, '98): Heather begins an MSW program at Wilfrid Laurier University in September.

Stacia Vong-Hogeterp (English '95): Stacia works with child sponsorship programs and the 30-Hour Famine at World Vision Canada.

Proxy Ballot:

Must be signed and returned to the Alumni Office by Friday, Sept. 17, 99.

For Member at Large (Choose 3)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Glockner | <input type="checkbox"/> Marcia Hosmar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Klooster | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Schenk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heather VanStarkenburgh | <input type="checkbox"/> Stacia Vong-Hogeterp |

Name: _____

Signature: _____

E-mail forwarding service

Two characteristics of new alumni are that they move around a lot, and that they use e-mail a lot. While e-mail can be a great way to communicate with others, changing your service provider every time you move or switch can be a hassle. Unlike Canada Post and the phone company, it's often difficult to leave a forwarding address, and you are left trying to notify all those people that have your e-mail address that you've moved.

The Redeemer College Computer and Information Services Department offers a way around all of that for alumni. No matter where you are in the world, or what serv-

ice provider you are using, people can still reach you by sending a message to the same e-mail address that you had at Redeemer (*name@redeemer.on.ca*).

Just let the CIS Department know what you're current e-mail address is and they will forward any messages to you at your new e-mail address. There is no cost for this service, and you do not need to be physically on campus to activate it. E-mail forwarding is also available to those students who never had an e-mail account at Redeemer.

To request this service, e-mail the Computer Services Director at *cknowles@redeemer.on.ca*.

The old pastimes of writing and drawing

Alison Gresik '93

At Redeemer, I spent the better part of my days reading and writing about literature. I filled the time I had left with other kinds of art—plays and films and concerts and art exhibits. Because of Redeemer's small student body, we were encouraged, often begged, to get involved with the college's artistic endeavours.

For many alumni, however, full-time jobs in the arts do not grow on trees. In Ottawa, the high-tech industry is more prevalent than publishing, so out of necessity I've taken a technical writing job. I make time in the fringes of my life, stealing an hour before work, at lunch or on the weekend, for writing my

own stories.

Perhaps you look on the writing or drawing you did in university as a youthful pastime, something you grew out of. We at *Eikon* are encouraging you to make room again in your life for art. The submission deadline is October 30, 1999, which gives you time to write your first poem since you graduated, or polish a strong passage in your journal, or pull out an ink bottle and start sketching. Not only are we offering the chance for publication, but also the opportunity to collaborate with our editors and receive feedback on your work. By providing a forum for creative alumni, we want to affirm that God's gifts of art are not just for university, but for all of life.

Register now to participate in Homecoming '99

Redeemer College and the Alumni Association welcome all former students back to campus for a day of fun and fellowship on Saturday, Sept. 18 for Homecoming '99. We hope that you and your family will join us for a great day of activities and reminiscing as we celebrate the education and the friendships that are part of our years at Redeemer.

A Planning Committee consisting of Sharon (Timmerman) Vandermeulen, Val (Dykstra) Kloet, and Mark Mantel, all graduates of the Class of 1989, are organizing this year's activities. After receiving feedback from a number of alumni, they have put together a program that features a variety of events. We hope that you will be able to join us for at least part of the day.

This year, the Fifth Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will be a Best Ball Tournament. Sign up as a foursome or throw your name into the hat and the Alumni Office will set you up with a foursome. Note that this year, the tournament begins at 9 a.m. at the Old Course at Knollwood.

The schedule for the day's activities and the registration form is below. Please respond no later than Sept. 1. If you would like some more information, please contact the Alumni Office. See you in September!

Homecoming '99 -- Saturday, September 18

9:00 The Alumni Golf Tournament

The fifth annual, at Knollwood Golf Course (Old)

2:00 A Hike along the Niagara Escarpment

An interactive hike featuring points of interest for both alumni and their children. Transportation is provided.

4:30 Alumni Association Annual Meeting

The Association's business meeting.

5:30-7:00 Barbecue Dinner in front Quad

An informal feast, with lots of time to mingle

Remember--all are welcome, but you do need to register by September 1!

Homecoming '99 Registration Package

Please complete the following and send to the Alumni Office by September 1.

Make cheque payable to Redeemer College.

I/We plan to participate in the following:

___ Alumni Golf Tournament \$30 per person (includes green fees and prize table)

There are a limited number of spaces, and pre-registration is required. This is a Best Ball Tournament; you may sign up individually or as a foursome (send names of partners). You will be contacted with exact tee-off time (between 9 and 10 a.m.) and directions. Please contact the Alumni Office if you wish to donate a door price.

___ The Guided Hike of the Escarpment

There is no charge, but please indicate how many are planning to participate.

Barbeque Dinner

Burgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts and hot and cold drinks

___ @ \$7.00 per adult

___ @ \$5.00 per child under 12 (kids under 5 free)

___ @ \$20.00 per family

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Inspired by the student publication *The Minstrel*, and sponsored by the Redeemer College Alumni Association, *Eikon*, is a creative journal showcasing the literary and artistic work of Redeemer alumni. The editors, Alison Gresik '93 and David Van Belle '93, may ask for revisions before a work is accepted for publication. Not all submissions are guaranteed to be included in *Eikon*. Please indicate if you would like your work returned.

Please submit your poetry, short fiction and creative non-fiction (maximum length 3,000 words) and artwork (which will be produced in black and white) to:

EIKON

c/o Redeemer College Alumni Office

777 Garner Rd. E.

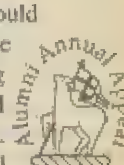
Ancaster, ON L9K 1J4

Work may also be submitted electronically to alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca

Deadline: October 30, 1999

Alumni Annual Appeal in full swing

By now, alumni should have received the brochure outlining the Alumni Annual Appeal for 1999. The Alumni Board hopes that you will contribute to help us purchase choir risers for the Music Department. This gift will benefit more than just the Concert Choir. The Alumni Choir and other musical ensembles that use the auditorium will also be able to use these risers. Thanks for your continuing support of Redeemer College.



Redeemer professors address the world

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Dr. Jim Payton gave the keynote address at the "International Conference on Critical Concerns from a Christian Perspective," held in Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine, May 17-22. His paper was entitled "Toward an Orthodox Worldview for the Third Millennium." Immediately after the conference, Jim travelled to St. Petersburg, Russia, for the conference "Higher Education in 21st Century Russian Culture: Christian Perspectives," which was held from May 24-26, 1999. The conference is a regional conference of IAPCHE (International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education). Jim also gave the keynote address at this conference; his paper was entitled "Toward an Orthodox Approach to Higher Education in 21st Century Russia."

Dr. Deborah Bowen was in Pittsburgh, attending the annual conference of the North Eastern Modern Languages Association in April. She chaired an overtly Christian session at this secular conference, on "Reading and/as the Christian Left," with papers by Christian Scholars from the University College of Cape Breton, University of Delaware, and Richland Community College.

Also in April, **Prof. Ray Louter** attended the Performance Studies International Conference in Aberystwyth, Wales at which he led a workshop entitled: "Performance Geography: In the Space—Of the Space." Professor Louter was awarded a Faculty Development Grant to attend the conference.

In March, **Dr. Al Wolters** delivered the Convocation Address, entitled "Living the Future Now: The Earthiness of our Eschatological Task" at Kosin University in Pusan, Korea. This is a Christian university of some 4,000 students which has strong ties with the Neocalvinist tradition.

Dr. David Benner was in South East Asia on a lecture tour in February. In Malaysia he lectured on his latest book, *Care of Souls*. While in Singapore, he offered training, consultation and lectures on clinical topics related to children's mental health. The Malaysian lectures were co-sponsored by the Roman Catholic and Baptist churches of Malaysia while the Singapore work was sponsored by the University of Singapore.

RESEARCH GRANTS

The VPA's Office is pleased to announce that Redeemer College has been approved for a SSHRCC, Aid to Small Universities Grant of \$9,384 per year for three years. Proposals by several faculty members for projects related to the Hermeneutics Conference, *Christian Scholarship in the Light of Scripture: Christian Hermeneutics* which will be held here from July 7 - 10, 1999, were included in the application. The successful applicants are: **Dr. Gene Haas**, **Dr. Deborah Bowen**, **Dr. Danis Strauss**, **Dr. Jitse van der Meer**, **Dr. Wayne Norman**, **Dr. Jim Hooks** and **Prof. Mike Goheen**.

Redeemer College is the recipient of a SSHRCC special one-year grant of \$6,250 primarily to support the research efforts of those faculty members at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Faculty Technology Grants were awarded to several professors for work in the following area:

- **Dr. Gene Haas:** Preparing desktop projector, video and slide presentations for use in various courses.
- **Prof. Betty Speckman:** Developing proficiency in the technologies used for graphics design, web site building and video presentations for courses and art projects.
- **Dr. Robert MacLarkey:** Developing course and curriculum material using various computer programs, and acquiring new software to better develop these materials.
- **Dr. Bert Polman:** Acquiring new software packages for use in courses on basic musicianship and increasing the capabilities of the computer lab for use by music students.
- **Psychology Department:** To continue to provide access to on-line resources for various Psychology courses.
- **Prof. Ray Louter** for leading a workshop at the Performance Studies International Conference in Aberystwyth, Wales and for touring significant theater sites in the UK.
- **Dr. Doug Needham** for "Incubation Effects in Problem-Solving Tasks."
- **Dr. Jim Payton** for "Preparing for the Third Millennium: Post-Communist Christianity in Eastern Europe."


Dr. Jacob Ellens received an internal research grant For "Aristotle, Aquinas, and the Religious-Philosophical Bases of Early Victorian Church Defense." (Funding for this project comes from SSHRCC's Institutional Grant Program).

SABBATICALS

In the coming academic year three faculty members will be on sabbatical leave for a semester-plus-summer: **Dr. Jim Payton** (History) "Light from the Christian East"; **Dr. Doug Loney** (English) who will be working on a book of linked stories tentatively

titled: *Glass Houses* and **Dr. John Byl** (Physical Education) who will work on a devotional book for young athletes, further develop his PED100 course on "Spirituality and Wellness" and research the topic of Canadian churches and their members' views on sport, health, physical education, recreation and dance.

Hermeneutics Conference:
**Christian Scholarship in the
 Light of Scripture**



July 7 - 10, 1999
 at Redeemer College

Speakers: Dr. Willem Ouweneel, The Netherlands; Dr. Roy Clouser, U.S.A.; Dr. Danis Strauss, South Africa; Dr. Craig Bartholomew, U.K.; Dr. Patrick Heelan, U.S.A.; Dr. Leo Mos, Canada; Dr. Ken Howell, U.S.A.

Workshops: Hermeneutical Issues in Biblical Studies, in the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Ethics, Reading, Philosophy, and Cultural Hermeneutics.

Registration: \$200.00. Contact Sylvia VanWyngaarden at svanwyn@redeemer.on.ca

Institutional relationships progress

Agreement with Tyndale College

An important decision of Senate in which 48 courses—six of which will satisfy core requirement—were approved for credit transfer from Tyndale College (formerly Ontario Bible College) marks a new phase in the life of Redeemer College. This decision will open up new avenues of potential students to the college and obviously a new phase of cooperation with Tyndale College. It also gives us a model for dealing with other similar institutions. Redeemer has already received overtures from Emmanuel Bible College to consider some sort of credit transfer, articulation of "junior college" agreement with them. These negotiations are just in the initial phase.

Relations with McMaster University

Recently the Vice-President (Academic) of McMaster University, Dr. Fred Hall, visited Redeemer College to inform its administration personally about the latest very positive and promising decisions of McMaster concerning the acceptance of Redeemer graduates into their academic programs. They now accept Redeemer's degree as any other bachelor's degree, have dropped the so-called waiver exams and will still examine applications for admission from students who received degrees before 1998 on an individual basis. This visit constitutes a major break through in academic relations with McMaster.

College and Foundation scholarship winners

The following scholarships have been awarded for the 1999-00 academic year.

REDEEMER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

INCOMING STUDENTS

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

value: \$3,000
minimum average: 87%
Judith Byl
Il-yong Choi
Suzanne denBoer
Carrie Elsdén
Mark Fluit
Kimberly Gleeson
Steven Green
Heidi Hart
Barbara Heeg
Yvonne Kennedy
Janelle Kuyvenhoven
Sarah Masi
Lisa McKnight
Amanda Porter
Ruth Reitsma
Marie Stevens
Stephanie Van Duyvendyk
Christine van Hasselt
Teressa VanderBerg
Jodi Verbrugge
Karen Vyn
Ruth-Ellen Wallace
Karen Wheaton
Brenda Wiersma
Brianna Wilson

PRESIDENTIAL

value: \$2,000
minimum average: 85%
Janet Bosma
Karen Damsma
Crystal Dick
Shauna Fitch
Kevin Hoogstad
Danny Irvine
Janelle Love
Leslie McEvers
Ben Quackenbush
Debby Rumph
Metta Van Brugge
Laura Vanderbijl

HONOURS

value: \$1,500
minimum average: 80%
Kimberley Aukema
Melissa DeBeer
Joanna deRuiter
Jacqueline Dieleman
Lorraine Dykstra
Allyson Habekost
Janice Heyink
Anita Krait

Jennifer Kruse
Brianna Kube
Enid Larsen
Jessica Maan
Lindsay MacMillan
Rachel Pennings
Laura Postuma
Jennifer Pranger
Mark Stahle
Elisabeth Van Walderveen
Christina VandenEnde
Carrie Vanderwal
Ricquea Wilkinson

MERIT

value: \$1,000
minimum average: 77%
Leah Bruins
Katie Curry
Heather DeBoer
Erin Dufresne
Jennifer Gammon
Melanie Geerlinks
Leah Hamming
Carly Harrington
Crystal Hoekstra
Amy Hordyk
Joanna Laberge
Karin Meijer
Stephanie Meyer
Deborah Polman
Christopher Pot
Suzanne Selles
Cameron Stretch
Tanya Van Noord
Willy van Zandwijk
Steven VanderMeer
Jennifer Veenstra
Karin Vlaming

RETURNING STUDENTS

PRESIDENTIAL

value: \$1,600
minimum average: 80%
Harold Alkema
Julia Benjamins
Alan Bennink
Gregory Bylsma
Matthew (Sae Yoon) Chung
Judith Cooke
Graham Cubitt
Ken Dam
Lisa DeKlerk
Michelle DeKlerk
Brett Dewing
Ryan Faber
Margaret Gassanov
Rachel Goodreau
Laura Griffin
Denise Hartemink
Hannah Helder
Brandon Hines
Debbie Hughes
Jonathan Huse
Caroline Krait
Jordan Kuyvenhoven
Anita Luth

Jennifer McNaughton
Jody Moenman
Benjamin Nywenning
Ruth Pallant
Wayne Porty
Angela Reitsma
Danyse Riewald
Rosalee Roth
Lisa Scully
Erin Sherman
James Sinke
Jeffery Stacey
Ruth-Ann Te Grotenhuis
Rachel VanArragon
Marya VanBreda
Rosine Vanderkooy
Maggie Vandermeer
Maria Vanderspek
Katrina VanGilst
Christine Westra
Kristine Whalen
Gena Wiersma
Leanne Yzerman
Ellen Zegerius
Karen Zekveld
Jason Zuidema

HONOURS

value: \$1,100
minimum average: 78.5%
Tamara Bosma
Anita Brinkman
Hannah Byl
Kenneth Dryfhout
Tiffany Heerema
Andrea Hultink
Sandra Kiers
Jonathan Kooiman
Jennifer Larose
Leanne Leyenhorst
Kathleen Morden
Justin Renkema
Michelle Rock
Kurt Sieders
Leah Smeding
Julie Stapper
Elizabeth Teeninga
Holly Thompson
Marianne Van Gorp
James Van Straten
John VanderBurgh
Marsha Vanderkolk
Ria Vis
Sarah Weverink

MERIT

value: \$750
minimum average: 77%
Andrea Baker
Annette Bax
Michael Brink
Elizabeth Brown
Rachel Bulkema
Carrie DeGraaf
Randall Elzinga
Jonathan Fernhout
Darren Gibbons
Alissa Glockner
Rhonda Gooding
Jennifer Grootenboer

Jessica Haak
Brad Heidbuurt
Rosanna Hessels
Shawn Hofing
Amy Innes
Ben Jansen
Jessica Kinyua
Diana Koomneef
Dale Paas
Sarah Pallant
Jessica Payton
Trevor Payton
Nathan Rusthoven
Michelle Van Berkel
Sarah Van Pelt
W. Brent van Staaiduinen
David VanBrugge
Heather Vandervecht

* named scholarship winners will be listed in a future issue of *Images* as not all candidates have accepted them at press time.

REDEEMER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

value: \$2,500
minimum average: 90%
Judith Byl
Carrie Elsdén
Erin Goheen
Steven Green
Ruth Reitsma
Marie Stevens
Jodi Verbrugge

LEADERSHIP

value: \$2,000
minimum average: 65%
Judith Byl
Dean Buist
Karina Curry
Karen Damsma
Chris Godwaldt
Erin Goheen
Steven Green
Yvonne Kennedy
Bethany Luchies
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Alumni celebrate charter change

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President emeritus Rev. Henry De Bolster closed the evening with his thoughts on the process, and on the faith that Redeemer students have had in the college since its inception. He thanked the students for coming to a place that could offer no recognized degree, or even a promise of any transfer credit. The college and its students were truly "Stepping Forward in Faith," and Rev. De Bolster thanked the Lord for His continued blessings on the college and its alumni. This was the final chapter in a story that began with the college's original charter in 1980, and Rev. De Bolster is grateful to have been able to see it to its conclusion.

So far, more than 350 alumni have decided to replace their BCS, representing about 46% of all graduates. Alumni who are interested in exchanging their degree can still do so by contacting the Alumni Office at Redeemer College.

Personal Touch is a collection of interesting news items of Redeemer College alumni. To submit your news of interest and photo (if desired), clip out the form below and send to: Images, 777 Garner Rd. E., Ancaster, ON, L9K 1J4. (Photos will be returned.)

Stephen VanderStoep '93 has been back in Canada for almost a year now after having been in Kyoto, Japan from Sept. '95 to April '98. He got married under the cherry blossoms before leaving Japan in April '98 in Kyoto, and settled into the Toronto area in June '98, after two months travelling in South East Asia. His wife Mary is a student at OISE, U of T, doing her M.Ed. in Global Education, and Steven is working as a Program

Officer at The Japan Foundation in Toronto, a semi-governmental branch of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (like the British Council or Goethe Institute). Address: 1717-35 Charles Street West, Toronto, M4Y 1R6.

With thanks to God, **John x'87 and Julie (VanGurp) x'88 Bouwers** announce the birth of Abigail Cornelia, the covenant child the Lord entrusted to them nine months

ago and born April 10, 1999. Julie and the baby are doing well. She is a little sister for Rachel, Hannah, Nathanael, Elizabeth and Naomi.

Christina (Schut) Allwood '95 and her husband Anthony are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Nigel, born June 2, 1998.

Address: 152 Sheridan Street, Brantford, ON, N3S 4P6. (519) 750-1549.

Diane (Wiersma) Schelhaas '88 and husband Theo are thankful to God for the early but safe arrival of Brandon Derrick, born Dec. 18, 98; a brother for Jeremy (2). Diane supply teaches in the Christian school as well as with the Thames Valley District School Board. Address: 300 Helen Dr., Strathroy, ON, N7G 3M3. (519) 246-1709.

Pete '94 and Dianna '96 Scholtens want to let everyone know that as of March 7--12:30 a.m.--they have a son, Caleb Hendrik. He tipped the scales at 9 lbs., 9 oz. and both mother and baby are fine.

Address: 5076 219A St., Langley, B.C., V3A 8P8. E-mail: scholp@uniserve.com

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staff & faculty NEWS

Welcome to new staff

Redeemer College welcomes **Al deRoo** to its staff as plant and maintenance supervisor this March, filling the position vacated by Ralph Veldstra. Al comes to Redeemer from Maintemp Heating and Air Conditioning where he installed and serviced equipment. Al lives in Stoney Creek with his wife Deb and four sons.

Also hired in March for a full-time temporary position as departmental assistant in Ancillary Services is Redeemer alumna **Yolanda (Sprong) Bax '98**. Yolanda is employed to the end of August to assist the college during its busy conference season. She and her husband Mike Bax '98 live in Hamilton.

Two new employees were hired in May in the Computer Services Department, filling positions vacated by Jim Krale



de Roo



Bax



Schmidt



Wiersma



Dekker

and Chris VanDonkelaar. **Anthony Schmidt** received his Microsoft Certified Professional designation in 1999 from Productivity Point International. He will be providing technical support at the college. He and his wife Christine and their newborn son Joel live in Hamilton.

Tony Wiersma is the college's new audio/visual technician. He graduated this year from Niagara College's television production program. He currently resides in Grimsby.

To correct an oversight by Images staff, **Louise Dekker** is the college's new Stewardship departmental assistant (even though she has worked at Redeemer for almost a year al-

ready). Louise received legal secretarial training from Mohawk College, having graduated in 1985. She processes donations, memberships, investments and provides reception relief in her job at Redeemer. She lives in Hamilton with her husband Doug and two children.

Faculty reappointments

At the Feb. 13, 1999 meeting of the Board of Governors, **Dr. Deborah Bowen** was granted a promotion to the rank of associate professor of English, and was given a three-year reappointment to the faculty of Redeemer College (effective July 1, 1999).

The Board of Governors met again on May 29, and approved the continuation of tenure for **Dr. Jacob P. Ellens**, associate professor of history, and **Dr. David Koyzis**, associate professor of political science.

Mr. Ted Bootsma, part-time English instructor, was granted Adjunct status.



Bowen



Ellens



Koyzis



Bootsma

From pity to solidarity

Moments of grace



Paul Hogeterp '93

Canadian musician Bruce Cockburn once spoke of an encounter with a street person in downtown Toronto which shook his understanding of how human beings relate to one another. Cockburn had always been conditioned to show pity towards such people. But in just a short conversation, the songwriter realised this man did not need, or want, Cockburn to feel sorry for his destitute condition. Letting go of a simple presupposition that "I am in a better state than you are" enabled Cockburn to open up to the similarities they shared. Pity had created a separation between them.

A conversion experience much like Cockburn's is necessary, I am convinced, to make us realize that we need to relate to people in solidarity. And this is a process we grow into. As an employee of Christian Horizons for the last five years, I have had the daily privilege of learning to live in solidarity with people having mental and physical disabilities. Yet everyday I am conscious of my own attitudes of superiority and projections of pity which need constant readjustment. The

people in my care deserve something richer and more meaningful from me.

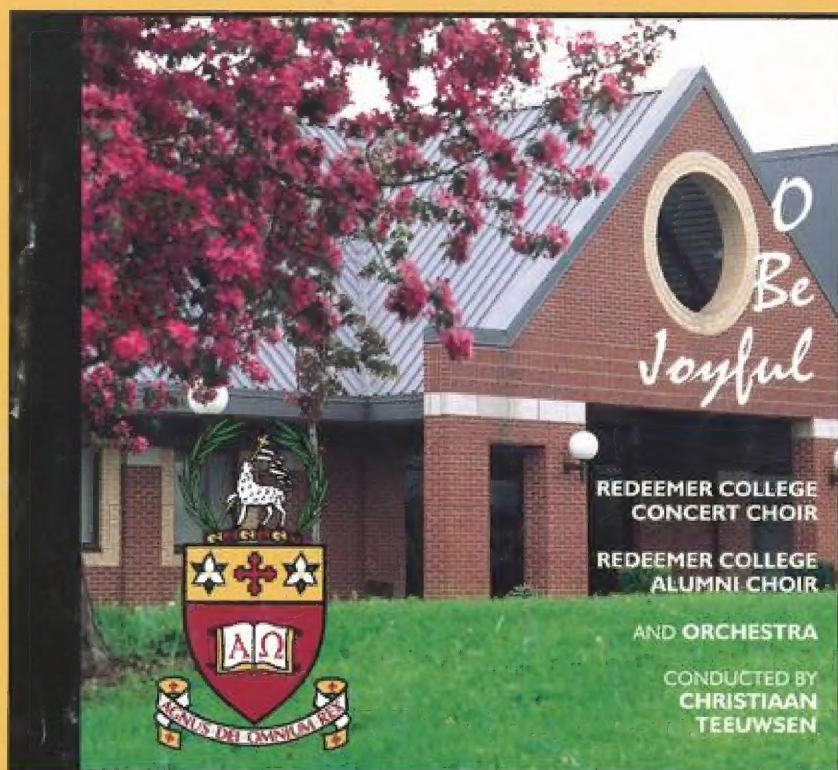
Working and being with people with exceptional needs was a calling I never dreamed of pursuing. In fact, I had very little experience being with handicapped people. So it was not without some hesitation that I accepted an offer of employment from Christian Horizons. Some of my initial visits to the group homes were unnerving, awkward and uncomfortable. I really wondered if I or the people who hired me had made a mistake. Yet, through the example of some gifted care workers, as well as the writings of Jean Vanier and Henri Nouwen, some of my inhibitions subsided. From these people I started to get a glimpse of what it means to stand in union with broken people.

I am grateful for that foundation, yet I know it is only a starting point. Now I am in the process of integrating that wisdom with the real experiences and choices I confront daily. That is no simple task. It is especially difficult to assume the role of a gentle and facilitative care worker when a person is late for a doctor's appointment, displays aggressive behaviour or refuses to take medication. It is far

more natural to let my disciplinarian instinct surface in those situations.

Fruitful relationship-building can also be threatened by pessimism and fatigue. Many of the people in our care have difficult behavioural concerns which require patient and consistent consideration. It is easy to give up trying to help people work through their difficulties when there is too much emphasis on progress. Holding on to high expectations for change and setting unrealistic goals for people will lead to defeat or burn-out and hinder acceptance of a person's condition. A healthy dose of grounded optimism will more quickly recognize and celebrate small victories.

Although there is room for growth in this work I am thankful for what has already come to fruition. There is a sure sense of connectedness and joy when we share in the ordinary things of life (which are often extraordinary) like having coffee together, going for hikes, sharing a silly laugh, and making music. It is nice to know that solidarity can just happen too, without trying so hard to achieve it. I am grateful for those moments of grace.



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